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Study on Child Sex Ratio
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a recent study the Child Sex Ratio (CSR) has risen from 927 in 1991 to 943 in 2011, if so, the factors attributed thereof and the remedial measures taken up by the Government in this regard;
(b) whether the Government has charted out any action plan to achieve the desired ratio as prescribed by the WHO; and
(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)

(a) to (c) There is no official information about any such study. However, Census (2011) data showed a significant declining trend in the Child Sex Ratio (CSR) with an all time low of 918. The sharp decline in CSR reflected after Census 2011 is a call for urgent action. The Government has launched Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) programme to address the issue of the declining Child Sex Ratio (CSR) and related issues of disempowerment of women over a life-cycle continuum. It is a tri-ministerial effort of Ministries of Women and Child Development, Health & Family Welfare and Human Resource Development. There is a strong emphasis on mind-set change through training, sensitization, awareness raising and community mobilization on ground.

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